JW

Sorry. It was early a.m. and I didn't notice how poor the carbon was. I'd gotten up and started to dress, then decided I was too tired and had just gotten into bed again when Ian's dog made feignedly urgent demands known, so I stayed up and did this. I made a serious mistake in all this and twice. I should have torn him up in early April, after the strange business at Houston coinciding with deposing Foreman. And then I should not have waited with the previous letter and should have gone in person. I suppose a desire not to make more trouble and the way I was feeling weighed in my decisions, but they were wrong. It is possible that despite strong resentment the previous letter helped him bring himself to tell Jim more. He knows if he won't admit it that each of these times I turn out to be right, and in time in influences him. But each time his resentment and antipathy increase, which is natural. As long as he keeps buying the Brooklyn Bridge and really expects to take title, alternatives are few. Meanwhile, he really does think he can be Perry Mason. The problem is neither simple nor pleasant to cope with. I can't think of one from which he has learned, either. He promised not to and repeated the same basic mistake in the spectro suit, which is the primary non-corruption reason we lost. If he doesn't get disgusted with himself and quit over this Ray may fire him. I told Jim to phone Ray and refuse to see Livingston and "Cliff Andrews" Monday else Jim and I get out. And to wire Liv. and tell him if he goes he or we are out. Neither Jim nor Bud got the distinction between a telegram to Liv. which could be shown the press and a different kind of letter, already sent, to Ray, which could not be. Told JL if he can't reach Ray by phone today to fly down and before Monday, not even to be in Nashville same day Liv. and C. are. Best could improvise. HW 6/1/74